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SUBJECT: MARCH 1 HEARING ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR MOROCCO

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1. A; FORESEEN, QUESTIONS AT HEARING FOCUSSED ON USE OF  
U.S. EQUIPMENT IN WESTERN SAHARA RATHER THAN ON OTHER  
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ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO.  
VELIOTES WAS ONLY WITNESS AND GAVE STATEMENT IN REFTEL.  
CONGRESSMEN DONALD FRASER (D., MINN.), CHARLES DIGGS  
(D., MICH.), CHARLES WHALEN (R., OHIO), ROBERT NIX (D.  
PENN.), EDWARD DERWINSKI (R. ILL.), AND STEVEN SOLARZ  
(D., N.Y.) WERE PRESENT AND ALL SAVE WHALEN TOOK PART IN  
QUESTIONING.

2. DERWINSKI FAVORED CONTINUED UNQUALIFIED U.S. SUPPORT FOR MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SOVIET BACKING FOR ALGERIA AND QUESTIONABLE VIABILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF SAHARAN STATEHOOD. FRASER, DIGGS, NTX AND SOLARZ ALL QUESTIONED VELIOTES SHARPLY ON LEGAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF U.S.-ORIGIN ARMS IN SAHARA. IF U.S. DID NOT FIND USE OF F-5'S AND POSSIBLY OTHER EQUIPMENT ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT AND/OR U.S. LEGISLATION, SOLARZ ASKED WHAT WE

WERE DOING ABOUT IT. VELIOTES REPLIED THAT WE HAD MADE OUR CONCERN KNOWN TO THE MOROCCANS IN RECENT MONTHS, BUT WERE STILL CONSIDERING PAST AND CURRENT USE TOGETHER WITH THE QUESTION OF THE NEW ARMS THAT THE MOROCCANS WANT FOR THE SAHARA. WHEN WE REACHED DECISIONS ON THESE TWO RELATED ISSUES, WE WOULD INFORM THE SUBCOMMITTEES RIGHT AWAY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON RESULTS OF OUR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS RE AMENDING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND PROCEEDING WITH SALES, VELIOTES GAVE PERSONAL ASSESSMENT THAT REACTION ON HILL WAS MIXED, BUT NOTED THAT CHAIRMEN OF TWO AFRICAN SUBCOMMITTEES HAD INDICATED THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION. HOWEVER, HE MADE CLEAR THAT ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT SEE ANY LINK BETWEEN SALE OF ARMS FOR THE SAHARA AND MAINTENANCE OF FULLY FUNDED FMS FINANCING AND MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FY 1979. IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THESE QUESTIONS SEPARATE. DIGGS AND SOLARZ SAID THERE MIGHT BE PROBLEMS WITH 1979 FMS CREDIT GUARANTIES IF ADMINISTRATION AND MOROCCANS DID NOT PROMPTLY REACH UNDERSTANDING ON NON-USE OF U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN THE SAHARA. CONCERN HERE FOCUSED ON F-5 DEPLOYMENT TO SAHARA AND MAURITANIA DESPITE USE LIMITATIONS ON THESE AIRCRAFT. (FYI: SUBCOMMITTEE MARK-UP OF FY 1979 FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACT IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 16.)

3. FOR REMAINDER OF QUESTIONS, MANY OF WHICH WERE REQUESTS FOR FACTUAL BACKGROUND, VELIOTES DREW ON PREPARED MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO RABAT, ALGIERS, AND NOUAKCHOTT. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT ANSWERS TO LONG LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD. THESE WILL BE POUCHED SUBSEQUENTLY.

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